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1. I have observed political developments in and around the cities of Kermanshah and Hamadan only. If developments in these areas are indicative of the situation throughout Iran, however, Mossadeq still has a large and powerful following which could result in his return to power. Mossadeq's large following undoubtedly prevented the Shah from having him executed.
2. In Kermanshah there are really only two basic political groupings: the pro-Shah group and the pro-Mossadeq group. There are some people in the anomalous position of being both pro-Shah and pro-Mossadeq, but their number is small.
3. Prime Minister Zahedi's personal following is also negligible. While perhaps it is not quite correct to call him a puppet, I do feel that most people (in the Kermanshah and Hamadan areas at least) consider him merely the Shah's Prime Minister and not an independent political leader. He certainly does not have nearly the stature of Mossadeq. If Zahedi were dismissed by the Shah, I do not believe the action would cause much public resentment.

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